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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-29 were pending in the present application.

Claims 1-5, 16-17 and 21-24 have been canceled without prejudice by this paper.

Applicant has amended the specification as requested by the Examiner.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 6-12, 14-20 and 25-29 are allowed.

Applicant transmits summaries of Examiner interviews conducted on November 15, 2006 and November 16, 2006, respectively, with this Amendment.

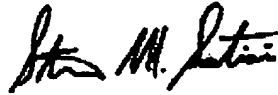
Claims 1-2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0173833 ("Korman"), Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korman in view of U.S. Patent 5,582,574 ("Cramer"), and Claims 16, 17 and 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korman in view of Kramer. Applicant has canceled Claims 1-5, 16-17 and 21-24. Consequently, Applicant believes all of the remaining claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the same.

A Request for Extension of Time is transmitted herewith. Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696 the balance due for a three-month extension of time. The Applicant does not believe any other fees are due. If any fees are required, however, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696. The Applicant does not believe any other petitions for extension of time are required however, if one or more such petitions are required, Applicant respectfully requests that this sentence be regarded as such a petition and that the Commissioner charge Deposit

Account No. 04-1696 the requisite petition fee.

The Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney should any issues remain.

Respectfully Submitted,



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